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If you need to contact a committee member please try to do so before
9.00pm

All entries for the next newsletter to be received by
Friday 14th March 2014

Club Night in February: Friday 7th February
Club Night in March: Friday 7th March - Green Lanes Evening
At Wimborne Football Club, Cowgrove Road, Wimborne, BH21 4EL

Up to date information and more contact details can be found on the
Dorset Land Rover Club website:
www.dorsetrover.co.uk

A PLEA FROM THE EDITOR...

A new year, and another 6 editions to fill... I need your
contributions! Please e-mail articles, reports,
pictures (original jpegs please), jokes, stories etc to
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whole.



There are moments when I feel really proud to be part of our wonderful club. Thinking of what to say tonight when I'm handing out the trophies & explaining the new one is going to be one of those moments, so hopefully the wine will not dull the experience.

Andy from AL Services dropped the new trophy into me last night & I must say it's a thing of beauty. Mike Webster made the base out of a lovely piece of black walnut & Andy has mounted a

stripped down turbo onto it. It will certainly draw the attention of who ever sees it. The title is intentionally ambiguous, best newcomer could be anything but we wanted to reward a new member who integrates themselves into the club. We have had so many that join but we never see, so this will go to the member we feel has come to any events, joined in, helped out & generally made the club better by being part of it. I think know the first name on the trophy has enjoyed himself last year & I truly believe that Jason has earned it. Jason Macdonald came to 9 out of 10 trials & helped set up most of them & even managed a very respectable 4th place overall. He can also be seen at most club nights.

The move to our new venue at Wimborne football club will hopefully be well received; we certainly have more room there. Teresa has some ideas up her sleeve to keep us amused but the next one is an informal green lane evening.

was a problem in that we only had enough canes for one trial, so a speedy search found us a new set of 200 6mm fibreglass rods. These are what most other clubs use & they don't half make setting up easier as they just push into the ground rather than using a whacker! The site is mostly trees & is a little tight in places so we might have to do a bit of work next time to open some of it up.

The only casualty was Tom's new D1 when he decided to drive into a tree! There were none on the tyre though which is what I wanted & why I tested all the sections in my D2. I would have liked more drivers on the tyre but the weather forecast was nasty which might have put a few off & Teresa who was going to drive was poorly. So she sat in with Tom, which could explain the tree incident! It was great to see the youngsters driving & kids being able to sit in the back.

Membership has soared this year! Usually January is a slow month but we think that the combination of Andy Wilson's amazing publicity drive & the ability to pay online has nearly doubled our new year's membership. Thanks for joining us, I hope you'll find us friendly enough & come along & join in with some events.

Andy's epic club history hunt is coming on very well, he keeps sending me photos to identify old members. It really stretches the grey matter but brings back some fond memories. It makes me feel like I've been in the club for an eternity! I look so young in some of them.

Caz has had some china mugs printed with the club logo to celebrate 25 years, these will be on sale soon but are a limited supply so grab one (or 2) fast. Don't forget that she also takes orders for club clothing.

Happy new year, see you soon.

Rog.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday 7th March – Club Night at Wimborne Football Club – BH21 4EL.

Green Laning with DLRC – Powerpoint Presentation at 8.00pm

Friday 18th - Monday 21st April - Easter Weekend Camping trip to Lydford, Devon. See facing page for more details and the booking form!



CLUB MERCHANDISE



We are now able to resume our supplies! If you've already ordered something, hopefully you've paid and collected! The new supplier will be able to supply the usual range of shirts, sweats and fleeces. We are also

getting some samples of a 25th Anniversary mug produced - we hope to have them at the Club Dinner - price to be confirmed!

Just to be going on with though, at the moment, clothing will consist of:

Polo shirt with logo, flag & website £20.00

Summer-weight fleece with logo, flag and website £29.50

Hoodie with zip with logo, flag & website £28.00

Hoodie (no zip) with logo, flag & website £26.00

In the meantime, if you have any other ideas for club merchandise that you think might be good sellers (and good advertising for the club!), please contact Caz with your ideas.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On the subject of Ladies Day (which was such a success in 2012 and raised loads of money for Ickle Pickles), the DLRC committee hopes that this year's event will be even bigger and better. Any ladies who'd like to get together to form a little group to think about planning and organising the event for later this year should contact Caz – her e-mail address is on page 3

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Graham Matthews - Dorchester

Andy Palmer - Wimborne

Andrew Bale - New Milton

Rob Muir - Shaftesbury

Emma Ford - Lytchett Matravers

Craig Mellor - Swanage

Shannon Woodley - Fordingbridge

Tina Cook - Sherborne

Rob Jenkins - Boldre

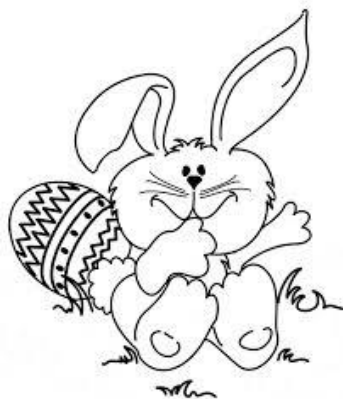
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EASTER WEEKEND EVENT

Friday 18th – Monday 21st April @ The Fox and Hounds Hotel, Lydford, Devon, EX20 4HF.

A fun social get together with green laning, bbqs, games and plenty to do in the area. The Fox and Hounds Hotel is situated on the edge of Dartmoor National Park with direct access to the moor via a track way behind the hotel.

The large camping area is located behind the hotel and has elsan points, water points, electric hook up points and toilets with showers (very basic). Other facilities include two bars, restaurant, games room, beer garden, skittles alley and children's play area.



There are four types of accommodation available:

- The cottage
- Hotel rooms
- Camping barn
- Touring pitches

The cottage which is adjacent to the hotel has three rooms which share a bathroom and lounge. There are also six hotel rooms all with en suite bathrooms and tea making facilities. The camping barn offers hostel style accommodation with bunk beds and has two sleeping areas which can sleep ten people (own bedding may be required?). There is no kitchen area! The touring pitches come with electric hook up points (if required).

Please note that if you wish to book the cottage, hotel rooms or the camping barn this has to be booked directly via the hotel either by telephone 01822 820206 or online www.foxandhoundshotel.com

Touring pitches need to be booked via myself using the booking form below. I have ten touring pitches available so it will be on a first come, first served basis so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Touring tariff: caravan or camping car £8.50, caravan or camping car with electric £11.50, tent (2 persons) from £6.50 per night. Touring arrivals and departures are at any time of the day at no extra cost.

Booking deadline 31st March

Please see overleaf for the tear-out and return booking form

Teresa

EASTER WEEKEND
18th - 21st April 2014
CAMPING WEEKEND IN DEVON

BOOKING FORM



To book a place, please fill in and return this form (with deposit and by the deadline!) to Mrs Teresa Heath, 5 Larch Close, Creekmoor, Poole, Dorset, BH17 7YL.

Please enclose your £5 deposit to secure your place. Cheques made payable to “Dorset Land Rover Club Ltd”. Alternatively contact me on teresaheath93@googlemail.com or 07895200034. The balance will be paid on arrival to myself.

Name(s) and telephone or email (in case of any queries) :

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Tel:

e-mail.....

Please tick your required touring pitch. For tents please state what size and if you require electric.

Caravan or camping car (no electric) ☐

Caravan or camping car (with electric) ☐

Tent ☐

Children, awnings and dogs are FREE.

Booking deadline Monday 31st March.

Please remember to include your £5.00 deposit!



NEW YEAR'S DAY GREEN LANING

....or, I think we drove past Stonehenge, but difficult to make it out in the rain....

So, a tradition well-worth reviving – that of the club New Year's Day Green Lane Run – and one that was very well revived, thanks to the hard work of Rob Elliott and Ron Hogg in doing a very thorough recce of a possible route, and to Rob, Ron and Martin "submariner" Dover for leading the three groups.

Fourteen vehicles splashed into the car park in Gillingham for the rendezvous (well, it was actually 13, as Adam got a bit de-

layed by a fallen tree), and from there, set off on the route that Rob and Ron had planned (with a few amendments to avoid really wet and muddy areas that would have been damaged) in three groups (one of which was fairly instantly reduced when Adam had to drop out with a fuel leak) heading north-westwards onto White Sheet Hill, and thence to the Plain via Kingston Deverill, Heytesbury and Chitterne, then on to Upton Lovell, taking in what would probably have been superbly scenic routes (if the scenery had been visible).

But long-distance visibility aside, it was a really magnificent and thoroughly enjoyable day out. There was a great variety of lanes to drive, ranging from wide-open and splashy tracks across the plain, and narrower, rutted (but chalk bottomed) tracks going both up and down hill and through woodland.

The three groups occasionally spotted or caught up with another, but the spacing was maintained right up to the lunchtime rendezvous at the Countess Services. There, it was left up to individuals as to whether they wanted to carry on into the afternoon, or call it a day (as the weather got steadily worse). Those that continued were – by all accounts – greatly entertained by the experiment on the submersibility of a Land Rover, and although wet and outwardly muddled, all concerned in the afternoon "extension" also had a jolly good time.

Thanks again to especially Rob for all his hard work as the club's new Green Lanes Officer, to Ron and Martin, and of course everybody who braved the elements to support the adventure.

Andy Wilson



SUN, SAND and SURVIVAL in ALGERIA

Club member and world-traveller Kit Constable-Maxwell gave members a real treat with his audio-visual presentation on his travels through the Hoggar region in North Africa. With breath-taking scenery beautifully photographed, and a lively and informative commentary to go with the images, the audience felt very much as though they were right there at times. One of the most impressive aspects of Kit's words and pictures was the clear demonstration throughout of the way he immerses himself in both landscape and culture. There was a real sense of empathy as he described the Touareg tribesmen that he met, and also a real sense of respect for the harshness of their existence in such a beautiful yet treacherous area.

In the Q&A session that followed the AV presentation, Kit spoke movingly about the current political and socio-economic situation in the area where his adventure had been based, and I certainly detected a note of sadness when Kit suggested that this kind of trip was increasingly difficult to arrange, due partly to our 'shrinking' world, and also due to geo-politics. All in all then, a really thought-provoking, challenging, inspiring but above all enjoyable evening.

Andy Wilson



INAUGURAL GREEN LANE RUN – 10th November 2013

Just a few words about the latest Green Lane Trip lead by our new Green Lanes Officer Rob Elliott. A small party of 4 vehicles set off lead by Rob, followed by Angela and I, Martin and Jan with Jim Welch bringing up the rear. Lacking a CB we missed out on the en route explanations (CB on the Christmas list?). We however were blessed with a beautiful sunny day with very few clouds about.

This inaugural run started in Dorchester and travelled Westward down numerous green lanes that Angela and I had not been down. So it was ideal for those of us who need to know where to go without falling foul of the law as I had done on a previous trip! I am sure that Martin/Jan/Jim had travelled some of the routes before. Rob had a passenger – Graham who is a prospective new Club Member. He spent part of the time in my Defender, driving a bit to get the hang of it. He might need surgery to get rid of the "Land Rover Grin"!!

Whilst he was travelling with me Angela went with Rob in the Range Rover – I am told it is much smoother than the Defender – no surprises there then.

We headed off towards Charmouth and stopped at about 10 minutes before 11:00 enjoying spectacular views along the Nether Cerne UCR. We stood in silence remembering the souls who had died or been injured in the conflicts to date. It was a poignant moment stood in the stunning Dorset countryside in near total silence observing the two minutes silence. (Nice one Rob).

As we made our way westwards we stopped for lunch – once again – our picnic was enhanced by stunning views. Stopping as we approached Lodors we could see for miles - even



as far as the Brecon Beacons – it was such a clear day. We then travelled of towards the Bridport end of the county and finished our trip travelling up one of my favourite UCR's Lodgers near Bridport. It really looks Jurassic with the gorge and hanging ivy – I would never be surprised to see a velociraptor!

All in all it was a fantastic day with great company and weather. Well done Rob – lets have more of the same please. I haven't listed details of the actual route as we need to ensure that the route is used sensibly and not hi-jacked by joy riders. I am sure Rob would be willing to share the route with club members if you are interested.

Ron Fisher

SHOWS IN 2014

Hello all, I'm Tom Jarrett the new shows co-ordinator. I've been attending shows with the club for the past couple of years and the past ten or so years before that independently. The shows are not just parking up your Land Rover and walking about looking at other vehicles; while this is part of them there are often markets, auto jumbles, arena displays and fair ground rides for the kids and big kids too. Last year Caz managed to charm the man on the dodgems to get us a go to ourselves at a discount price, which was fun. At the Land Rover shows there are off road courses. We have an off road display area (a play pen really) at Langport. There's also the social side of things - we often have bbqs. Most nights we are in the beer tents having a chat and an apple juice listening to a live band or disco and maybe have a dance depending on how many apple juices we've had. All and all they're a very friendly place, where you can camp, caravan or just come for the day.

Unfortunately there is no Quay for my car this year, not for 4 x 4's anyway. But we will be attending: Abbey Hill Steam Rally, Bristol and West Land Rover Show, Stevens Farm Beer and Cider Festival, Somerset Steam Spectacular (Langport), Billing Land Rover Show, Purbeck Steam Rally, Yesterdays Farming, Peterborough Land Rover Show and London to Brighton Land Rover run. All dates can be found in the future events section on the website.

As a club we have limited access to free passes to all of these shows and discounted prices to some of them. It will be great to see as many of you as possible this year. So if you are able to come along then please contact me. My contact details should be at the front of this magazine and on the website.

Tom Jarrett



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A YEAR IN 400 WORDS

Andy has asked me to condense a years trialling into 400 words..... I'll try! Anyone who has trialled with us in recent years will know that in SWB the main contender for the year's trophy has been Mr (seaman (private joke)) Dover; 2013 was to be the year of the challenge! 2013 started with a soggy trial at crossways, I don't recall many details, apart from the fact that I started the year with a win, and 8 points.....

Next came Mannington in Feb, all I really remember about this particular trial was that it was damn cold, with sleet coming at us in all directions for most of the day, I had to marshall, which in weather conditions such as that is tough, there was no real escape from it.... There were from memory quite a few recoveries, and one in particular that was quite tricky, the day concluded with me down 5 points on the main competitor, with a tally of 16 points.....

Then it was Bransgores turn, a site I try to avoid setting up at due to distance, but a site I really enjoy, (unless its very muddy, which sadly on this occasion it turned out to be). One section was scrapped altogether, but looking at the scores, it would appear we must have made up another one somewhere along the line; the boggy area is always challenging, but can at times be enjoyable regardless of that, whereas the quarry area is fairly consistant, and never really too wet. The day finished with my score being double that of Martins, mine at 18.....

Tincton, my nearest site, and one with few obstacles in the way of trees, in fact the whole site has just one! Another cold but clear day this time, two groups, I was doing well until I think it was the last section where I doubled my day's score to two, but simply not carrying enough speed over a small crest, and I was beached, and needed a pull to get off.....

Portesham, anyone that knows this site knows that it's a grassy slope, with gravel tracks up and around..... There was a clash of events on the day before this trial, which meant the only way time we had for setting up was before the days trialling. Roger and I were on site before 7am, with another couple arriving along the way, all this meant that by the time we came to drive the sections, it felt like we'd already been at it all day. 15 people turned up, with as ever the usual suspects, three of us in swb managed to complete 10 sections, all scoring only 2 points all day.....

Knitson, my favourite site, as it was the venue of my first ever trial back in July '06, is another site that has plenty of slopes, and can only be used in the dry really, as wet grass isn't really much fun! 13 drivers, and sections that are reasonably familiar, as doing different things on this site is far from easy, Martin won this one, 6 points to him, 9 for me.....

Crossways, this wasn't my best day, and one that saw me end up almost completely submerged in muddy water, (me, not the truck!) this and not driving at my best meant I ended up the day on an appalling score of 28, thankfully my worst for the whole year, Martin managed a slightly better tally of 17.... this was one of the hardest trials of the year personally, as set-up and break down of the event, along with paperwork and financial aspects of it started to get to me, well that's my excuse anyway!

Shillingstone, 13 drivers, Yet another hilly site, and this time even more compact, the wooded area certainly providing some challenging sections, the scores on this one speak for themselves, Martin 8, me 14.

Mannington, a warmer return to this site, however from memory still fairly damp, and as such quite soft in places, at times the ground simply gave way underneath your tyres, even though it may have just been driven over, I managed to claw back a few points on this one, ending the day myself on 14, martin on 19.

Bransgore, see separate report!

Ron Hogg

2013 RTV SEASON FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

	Crossways Jan 13	Mannington	Bransgore	Tincleton	Portesham	Knitson	Crossways	Shillingstone	Mannington	Bransgore	TOTAL	Replacement Score
LWB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
Trevor Harmer	9	27	21	13	7	12		20	26	15	167	17
Tony Butterworth	14	29	11	8	3		37	20	38	46	229	23
James Pinfield	34	50	38	25	8		47	29	45	28	338	34
Nigel Hutton	56		26	9	17	100	54	100	100	100	624	62
Jon Riddle		100	100	8	1	34	100	100	31	100	638	64
Keith Poulton	13	34	19	14		100	100	100	100	100	644	64
Ashley Baume	34	45	31		7	100	100	100	100	100	686	69
Ross Turner		44	100	100	100	26	100	100	100	100	856	86
Gary Morris	49		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	943	94
Tim Gibbens		56	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	951	95
Ben Hussey		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	60	100	956	96
Willem V D Horst		61	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	957	96
Andy Wilson		61	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	957	96
Peter Hussey		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	61	100	957	96
SWB												
Ron Hogg	8	16	18	2	2	9		14	14	16	110	11
Martin Dover		11	9	10	2	6	17	8	19	20	113	11
Tim Cox	28	50	11	13	3	9		23	31	91	288	29
Jason Macdonald		100	34	23	6	17	37	34	34	29	349	35
Rich Parfitt	27	21		14	2	16	33	21	100	100	371	37
Mike Webster	15	35	25	9		100	100	24	24	100	480	48
Matt Ricketts	30	59	19	9		26	100	100	48	49	489	49
Tim Gibbens		100	100	100	27	34	36	37	57	56	608	61
Harrold Goodland		100	40	24	23	100	55	100	100	48	656	66
Mike Mears	37	32	28	12		100	100	100	100	100	677	68
Dave Poultny	68	31	31	15		100	100	100	100	100	717	72
Dave Barton		100	100	100	100	100	52	26	46	36	733	73
Robin Dumbrek		36	27	5	100	100	100	100	100	100	742	74
Jon Riddle		100	31	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	923	92
LEAF												
Rob Shadbolt	34	37	16	13	5	25		23	31	41	250	25
Rog Pardy	29	47	26		8	100	25	100	32	29	440	44
James Gray	63	80	33	26		47	100	76	65	55	606	61
Caz Hart	51		41	100	100	100	64	100	100	100	840	84
Seth Loder		100	31	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	923	92
Keith Jamieson		100	37	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	930	93
Graham Glover		100	100	100	100	60	78	100	100	100	931	93



This was set to be the day of reckoning. I think Martin was 1 point ahead of me over the whole years trials, so this was most definitely make or break day, I took my 16yr old nephew along to this one, as he's quite keen on Land Rovers, and I thought he'd enjoy seeing what we get up to. Due to Brangsgore being the furthest site from home, I avoid setting up here, plus the fact on this occasion I wanted a clear head, so that I could pay full attention to the sections, and not other things, to this end I also managed to avoid marshalling.

The day started for the group Martin and I were in the wooded area, ie, the boggy bit; these sections always take longer than would be ideal simply due to the nature of the ground, and the number of recoveries that are needed, by the end of the first 5 sections in the mud, Martin and I were level pegging, we then had lunch, and I tried to focus my mind a little, not sure if it worked though, first section after lunch and Martin was by now running in front of me, so I could see what I needed to achieve, however in some ways I'm not sure this helped, as when he hit a gate, a 4 I think. I instantly thought, 'I can get some points here' I promptly drove straight into the same cane

To say I was annoyed with myself would be an understatement, the 7th section we scored the same, and on the 8th section I dropped a further 2 points, thus meaning that with two sections left, I was by now in desperate need of some good luck, section 9 saw us yet again both score the same, which basically meant it was all down to the last section, of the last trial of the year, and I had by now pretty much given up all hope of getting the SWB trophy this year, the first couple of gates were fairly straight forward, however there was a gate 7, which was kind of diagonally positioned between two trees, with a tree trunk that needed to be traversed one wheel at a time, this all meaning that sliding sideways was quite possible, even after gate 7, six was a tight left turn which required full use of tree sliders to get the best turn, then another tight turn through 5, down a gully to 4, another reasonably tight turn and out into the open area of the quarry to three, back though the gully to 2, tight crossaxle turn right and on to 1..... well, Martin was 2 vehicles ahead of me, and as such I was unable to watch, as I was getting ready to line up, it became apparent that he had managed to do what seemingly most that day had done, and take 7 at a shallow angle which in turn sort of pushed the vehicle sideways a little and into the red cane..... this is my chance!... so off I go, by this time quite stressed at the thought of (in my mind) lost the challenge,

to my amazement though, I took a slightly wider approach to the 7 gate, and I cleared it, its probably a good thing that wasn't wearing a heart monitor at this point, as it would have been bleeping quite loudly I'm sure..... so, gate 6, clear, gate 5, clear..... its now that I notice that pretty much everyone that was in our group was now running behind me to see how I was doing, 4, clear, out into the open, 3, clear, gate 2 was tricky, as the right turn was very tight, with a big risk of getting stuck cross-axled, the turn to gate one was easy enough, but the position of the gate made it virtually impossible to clear, however, the simple fact that I had got to gate 1, meant that I had 6 points less for that section than Martin had, which in turn meant that I had won the SWB title, I was overcome, and didn't really know what to do, I think along the way that day I taught my nephew a few new words, but at the end of the day he had had a very enjoyable day, as obviously had I, although at times I thought it was all lost.....

Thanks go to those that set-up on the Saturday, marshals and officials too..... a great end to (in hindsight) a pretty good year of trials, apart possibly from the mud drenching at Crossways.....

Ron Hogg

BRANSGORE RTV RESULTS

LWB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Post'n
Trevor Harmer	1	4	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	15	1
James Pinfield	8	1	4	0	6	0	1	3	0	5	28	2
Tony Butterworth	8	9	4	2	7	0	1	6	2	7	46	3
SWB												
Ron Hogg	6	1	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	16	1
Martin Dover	6	1	4	0	7	0	0	1	0	1	20	2
Jason Macdonald	6	9	5	2	1	0	1	4	0	1	29	3
Dave Barton	1	5	4	5	7	0	1	2	9	2	36	4
Harrold Goodland	9	4	6	8	7	0	1	7	1	5	48	5
Matt Ricketts	9	4	6	5	6	0	1	5	5	8	49	6
Tim Gibbens	9	5	8	4	7	0	4	7	4	8	56	7
Tim Cox	1	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	91	8
SWB												
Rog Pardy	1	4	4	4	6	0	1	7	1	1	29	1
Rob Shadbolt	9	1	4	5	7	0	1	4	9	1	41	2
James Gray	6	7	5	8	7	4	1	7	3	7	55	3

MATCHAMS RTV & TYRO

20 drivers turned up to compete in the first trial event of 2014 – five in the Tyro event and obviously therefore fifteen in the RTV. With a site as large as Matchams, there was plenty of variety of terrain with tight woodland sections, and more open sandy/muddy/watery bits as well at the other side of the moto-cross course.

Although the five drivers who competed in the Tyro event had a brilliant time, it was a bit disappointing not to see more coming along for this event; it took a long time to set up, and it's hard to justify all the effort if there genuinely isn't the demand for it. Besides which, there are not many sites which allow TRV and Tyro to take place simultaneously. The only alternative would be to run the Tyro on a Saturday? Perhaps those who had did come along, and those who thought about it but then didn't could make their feelings known – pop a comment on the website, or e-mail Rog with your thoughts. One person who did take part (and who had a good time) was Emma Ford, who wrote: *Would just like to say I big thanks to all that set it up and ran it today. Had such a great day. Not just for me and my brother driving but the whole family. Still can't take the smile off my brother's face (even more so he got through the bit I got stuck!!!)*

In the RTV, there were as many leafers competing as SWB coil-sprung, and in both cases, twice as many of each as in LWB. A glance at the scores will underline how tricky some of the ground conditions were after all the abysmal weather, and also will indicate how tight some of the gates were, both in the woodland and quarry-type sections.

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BRANGORE RTV



MATCHAMS RTV



MATCHAMS TYRO



THE DORSET ROVER

DRIVER TRAINING DAY AT MATCHAMS



MATCHAMS RTV and TYRO (continued)

Ron is obviously picking up where he left off at the end of last season, as is Trevor Harmer. In the leaf-sprung class, a couple of new members will spice things up a bit as the season goes on.

Huge thanks go to the crew who set up on Saturday, and to everyone who helped organize, scrutineer and marshal on Sunday. Special thanks go to Rich and Robin for all their hard work to make sure the tyro entrants were well looked after, and it was nice to see plenty of spectators braving the elements.

LWB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	RANK
Trevor Harmer	9	1	0	1	0	2	7	1	0	0	21	1
James Pinfield	5	5	2	1	8	2	7	1	3	4	38	2
Tom Jarrett	9	5	1	1	7	3	0	1	9	7	43	3
SWB												
Ron Hogg	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	4	1	0	12	1
Martin Dover	4	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	5	0	17	2
Mike Webster	4	3	0	0	3	0	7	1	3	4	25	3
Jason Macdonald	5	4	5	1	2	7	1	1	5	0	31	4
Tim Gibbens	4	0	0	1	8	9	1	3	5	4	35	5
Nigel Carter	7	5	5	1	9	6	7	3	5	7	55	6
LEAF												
Alex Moore	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	1
Rob Shadbolt	6	3	1	0	5	1	0	1	2	0	19	2
Rog Pardy	1	0	0	1	6	7	0	0	8	8	31	2
Andy Palmer	6	5	5	1	5	6	8	7	5	8	56	4
James Gray	9	5	5	3	8	2	8	1	8	8	57	5
Caz Hart	8	5	5	3	5	9	8	1	5	8	57	5
TYRO												
Alex Miller	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1
Emma Ford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2
Nick Masters-Bond	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3
Lance Ford	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	4
John Freeman	0	4	1	0	1	0	9	0	0	2	17	5



Good turn-out for the first RTV of the new season

DLRC – A HISTORY PROJECT

"History will be kind to me for I intend to write it." (Winston S Churchill) And most readers of *The Dorset Rover* will be aware that I'm researching the annals and archives of the club with the intention of producing an illustrated history of the club's first 25 years. I'm very grateful to all those members – both past and present – who have been kind enough to dig stuff out for me, or who have patiently responded to various questions that have arisen thus far in my quest for information.

That said, there are still huge gaps in the material that I have available. For example, the following editions of *The Dorset Rover* are missing from the archive that I am compiling as part of the project:

1987 – Oct/Nov 2000

December 2000/January 2001

December 2005/January 2006

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April/May 2007

June/July 2007

August/September 2007

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December 2007/January 2008

February/March 2008

April/May 2008

August/September 2008

If you've got any of these magazines/newsletters, **especially those in bold type**, and even more especially **anything from 1987-2000** (newsletters, magazines committee and AGM minutes) then I'd love to see them.

And then I need to find out from you – the readers (and therefore club members) – what I should do with all the information when I've put it all together. I'm thinking of producing it as an A4 size illustrated magazine – probably around 80 pages, but the snag is that the cost of producing a printed version that would be available to anyone who wanted a copy would have to cover its costs.

So I'm posing a question to all the members of DLRC (both present, and past if they happen to be reading this somehow): **would you be willing to pay something between £8.00 and £10.00 to purchase a copy of a printed history of the first 25 years of the DLRC?** Answers, on a postcard if you must, but preferably by e-mail to editor@dorsetrover.co.uk so I can gauge potential interest in going to print. Just drop me a message to let me know if you might be interested – no obligation at this stage – because we'd have to be able to sell a minimum of 50 copies to make it viable.

As Michael Crichton once wrote: "If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."

Andy Wilson

Editor (and historian!)

DISCOUNT OFFER

Just before Christmas, the following e-mail was sent to the magazine:

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I'm writing from a company named the **LR Centre**; we're based in the UK and supply hundreds of Land Rover parts & accessories from all types and models of Land Rovers.

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Here's our site, if you wish to check it out:

<http://www.lrparts.net>

Look forward to hearing your opinion.

Merry Christmas,

Michael Fielding | LR Centre Ltd

PAY & PLAY DAYS

If you can't wait for the next RTV or just want to go and have a bit of a drive, Matchams offer us a club discount for their Pay-and-Play days. They are 10.00am till 4.00pm (with a compulsory lunch break), and the dates that the site is available over the first few months of 2014 are as follows:

26th January

23rd February

9th March

23rd March

13th April

27th April

There is also going to be a Punch Challenge/Trial on Saturday 8th February (you should receive this magazine just in time to register!). This is a night-time event – 6.00pm till 10.00pm. E-mail matchamsleisurepark@hotmail.co.uk for more details, or phone



The bride arrived at the church and saw the groom talking to his friends, in their fully equipped Series Ones. They seemed ready for a serious off-road trip, so she asked: "Have your Land Rover friends come to our wedding?"

He looked her right in the eye and asked, "This wedding isn't going to take all day, is it?"

SEASON'S STARS REWARDED AT SEVEN STARS

Well over forty members, friends and relatives gathered at The Seven Stars in East Burton for the club's annual Award Dinner. It was a really lovely evening – the food was superb (the only 'complaint' was that there was too much of it!) – and the usual banter was certainly flying.

Teresa did a brilliant job of organising everything – even down to printing off individual slips in case people forgot what they'd ordered, and at the end of the meal, Rog Pardy conducted the awards ceremony with plaques and trophies being presented to those who'd been able to make it.

In the picture below, clockwise from top left, Caz Hart receives the Lady Driver Trophy, Jason MacDonald and Ron Hogg seem pleased with their awards, Ron Hogg receives the shield for the SWB championship and Jason MacDonald picks up the Newcomer Award. This last award is a new one for the club – very kindly and superbly produced by Andy Lanham – and was awarded to Jason for his involvement and commitment to the club since he joined.

So a great evening, and a good, sociable start to the 2014 season!



PAUL WELLS – FOUNDER MEMBER

Elsewhere in this edition of The Dorset Rover you'll have seen an article about the project in which I'm currently engaged, researching and writing the history of the first 25 years of the Dorset Land Rover Club. And after lots of e-mails and phone conversations, I've had a useful meeting with Paul Wells, the founder member of the club (membership number 001). He's very kindly let me borrow some very early editions of the club newsletter, along with various documents relating to the founding of the club, all of which will be very handy in compiling the very early history of the club.

He had lots of interesting reminiscences to share, and one of his memories was that when he left the club he was made an Honorary Life Member – something that will need to be followed up!



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

On the subject of the club history, and just to whet your appetite, here's a picture which appeared in the magazine in 2003. The picture was taken at a club trial event in January 2003 at a site near Axminster. The vehicle is being driven by Richard Sherwood and the onlooker appears to be Dave Clasby.



MEMBER PROFILE

Strange as it may seem, particularly amongst the new members (and, incidentally, welcome not just to the DLRC but also to *The Dorset Rover!*), many of the club members – especially the committee – might be something of an unknown quantity. So to address this, the magazine will be featuring member profiles, and in this edition we start with the club's Chairman, followed by the Secretary of the DLRC

ROG PARDY – Club Chairman

Rog joined the DLRC very early in its existence (in 1991) – his membership number is 65, so at the time of writing this profile, there's only one other longer-standing member.

Rog's earliest memory of Land Roving goes back to a 1968 Series 2a SWB, but he's the current owner of a 200Tdi Defender, a Discovery 2 and 'Bertie' of course (although someone might dispute ownership!). Asked what he'd like to own if money were no object, Rog nominated a Range Rover TdV8.

Rog reckons his best experience in a Land Rover was coming second in the De'cider Trophy (driving the heavily-modified challenge truck named 'Baby'), whilst his worst experience was also in the De'cider Trophy, when he rolled over, closely followed in the 'like-to-forget' category by getting a snake on whilst towing a horse-box with the 2a.

Trialling has now replaced laning entirely in terms of when Rog gets time to go out to play, although he did say that he'd like to drive a Land Rover in Peru – a far cry from his most memorable laning experience which involved a 6 hour drive over a Welsh mountain. But it's RTV and Challenge events which get Rog going: a quick look at the end of season league tables for leaf-sprung vehicles over the years show how he can get 'Bertie' to perform (and Rog regularly won the SWB championship before that). For the record, his favourite venue is Mannington.

He reckons the best part of being a member of the Dorset Land Rover Club is that he's gained some great friends. Asked what advice he'd give anyone thinking of buying a Land Rover, Rog replied: "Don't get anything out of warranty." And finally, asked what advice he'd give anyone joining the club, his answer was very simple: "Get involved!"



MEMBER PROFILE

CAZ HART - Club Secretary

Caz formally joined the Dorset Land Rover Club in 2009, but as Rog's partner, was no stranger to the DLRC before then. Her current vehicle is 'Bertie', a 1970 Series 2A, and when asked what she'd done to it since acquiring it (the question was supposed to be about technical and modification stuff), Caz replied: "Dented it numerous times and drowned it once or twice."

Her first memory of driving a Land Rover was on Ladies Day in 2009, when she had a go in Nigel Hutton's 110 – ending up with needing a ground anchor to winch out of a bit of a hole. But undaunted, Caz competes regularly in RTVs, with her best experience in a Land Rover apparently coming joint 1st (with Martin Dover) in a Bransgore RTV.

Crossways doesn't hold such fond memories however. In her own words, Caz's worst experience in a Land Rover was *"Brake failure followed by plunging backwards into a rather deep muddy water bog, and filling Bertie up to the back seats and up to my knees with stenchy water. Delicious, but I did learn where the hand brake was...."* Perhaps these two experiences explain why Caz's "dream" LR would be a Fire Red Evoque....

Asked where she would most like to drive a Land Rover, Caz thought that the Canadian Rockies would be an ideal place to go, but failing that, she'd opt for Crossways – in the dry; (and both of these in spite of her self-confessed close affiliation with trees.

Since becoming a member of DLRC, Caz has been Secretary (the position that she still holds) but also had a very successful spell as editor of The Dorset Rover. She regularly attends the shows and represents the DLRC on the club stand and always seems to get new members to sign up – perhaps she's a bit scary?

As far as she is concerned, the best part of being a member of DLRC is easy to sum up: *"The sense of community, fun and camaraderie."*



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Q: What do you call a Landy with brakes?

A: Customized.

DLRC CALENDAR 2014

There have inevitably already been a few calendar amendments!
There might be more - so keep an eye on the club website
Dates in **bold** indicate amendments

2nd February	RTV at Bransgore
7th February	Club Night
2nd March	RTV at Crossways
7th March	Club Night - launch of new Green Lanes project
23rd March	POSTPONED DLRC Green Laning Day
30th March	Driving Day at Matchams
4th April	Club Night
18th/21st April	Club Social & Camping Weekend (Also Convoy for Heroes)
27th April	RTV at Mannington
2nd May	Club Night
3rd/5th May	Abbey Hill Steam Fair
11th May	Piston Broke Trophy Treasure Hunt
25th May	RTV at Tincleton
6th June	Club Night
8th June	Wessex Classic Car Show at Lulworth Castle
21st/22nd June	Bristol & West LR Show
22nd June	RTV at Portesham
28th June	Club Barbecue and DLRC Green Lanes Day
4th July	Club Night
4th/6th July	Stevens Farm Cider Festival
13th July	RTV at Knitson
19th/20th July	Langport
26th/27th July	LR show at Billing
1st August	Club Night
8th/10th August	Purbeck Rally
16th/17th August	Yesterday's Farming Show
17th August	RTV at Crossways
31st August	Club Green Lanes Treasure Hunt
5th September	Club Night
20th/21st September	LR show at Peterborough
13th September	Ladies Day & club camping weekend at Tincleton (prov)
14th September	RTV at Tincleton (prov)
3rd October	AGM
4th/5th October	London to Brighton LR Run
12th October	Driving Day at Matchams
7th November	Club Night
9th November	RTV at Bransgore
5th December	Club Night

RTV CALENDAR 2014

Please be aware that dates and venues could be changed dependent on weather and ground conditions, and availability of venues. For up to date information, including any changes, please see the website!

2nd February - RTV Bransgore
2nd March - RTV Crossways
30th March - Driving Day at Matchams
27th April - RTV Mannington
25th May - RTV Tincleton
22nd June - RTV Portesham
13th July - RTV Knitson
17th August - RTV Crossways
13th September - Ladies Day (provisional)
14th September - RTV Tincleton
12th October - Driving Day at Matchams
9th November - RTV Bransgore



If you want to access StreetMap to find the venues, go to the club website, then go to categories > trial results > trial site list and click on the appropriate link.

2nd February - Bransgore A cracking little site, ideal for the non-experienced along with those with lots of experience! Good mixed site with mud, water-splashes, wooded sections and quarry settings. Nearest post-code settings for those using SatNav is BH23 8JE—then follow the DLRC signs

2nd March - Crossways A favourite with our members. Ideal for the less experienced along with the experts. Good mixed site with water runs, wood and quarry settings. The site is off Redbridge Road—nearest postcode is **DT2 8DY**

30th March - Driving Day at Matchams Matchams Leisure Park, Ringwood
BH24 2BT

RTV EVENTS - INFORMATION

Important information for competitors

If you wish to take part in events please take note of the following points:

1. Vehicles must have front and rear recovery points
2. Seatbelts
3. The battery must be secured
4. Any load must be securely tied down
5. The hand brake must work
6. No passengers under 14 years (except for Tyros)
7. MOT or photocopy of your MOT must be shown (if an MOT is required for your vehicle)
8. An additional return spring is required on mechanical throttles
9. Steering linkages will be checked
10. Rear springs on coil-sprung trucks to be jubilee clipped (or similar) to prevent springs dislocating
11. Wheel spacers are not to be used
12. A 24mm, 3 strand, 8 ton tow-rope in nylon or polypropylene and suitable shackle to be carried for recovery user
13. Fire extinguishers are advised but not essential



THESE THINGS WILL BE CHECKED

**Will vehicles please be at the site by 9.15am for scrutineering
Anyone arriving after 10.00am will NOT be allowed to compete**

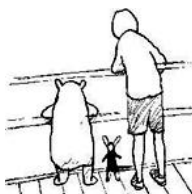
You are reminded that you should check by phone before arriving at an event. If you arrive and there are no club officials then the event has been cancelled and no attempt should be made to drive round the site.

Site Directions

For a list of current site directions and up-to-date event information, please visit the club website: www.dorsetrover.co.uk, or contact a committee member.

SPECTATORS

It's never really mentioned that much, but the committee would like to remind you all that spectators are always welcome at any event. Feel free to bring along any friends or family to help make the trials an even better day out. Children are welcome at all sites and dogs at most, so long as they are kept under control. Please be aware that at most events people will be taking photographs which could be used in web or paper-based publications.



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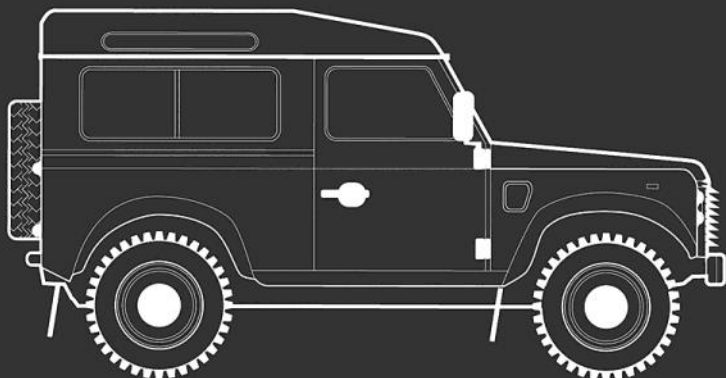
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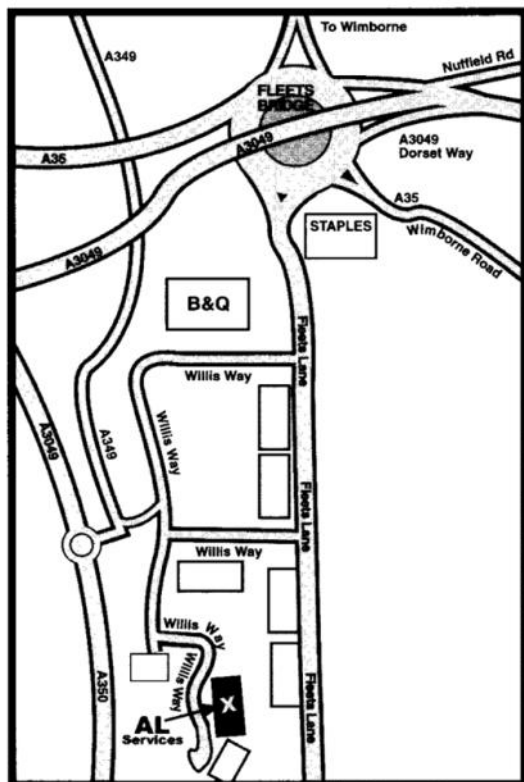
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